

EXHIBIT 14

Christopher Taloa
January 05, 2017

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, WESTERN DIVISION

Cory Spencer, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

Case No.

Lunada Bay Boys, et al.,

2:16-CV-02129-SJO
(RAOx)

Defendants.

VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION OF CHRISTOPHER TALOA

January 5, 2017

10:03 a.m.

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1 LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA;

2 THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 2017, 10:03 A.M.

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4 CHRISTOPHER TALOA,

5 having been first duly sworn, was examined and
6 testified as follows:

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8 EXAMINATION

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10 BY MR. WORGUL:

11 Q. Mr. Taloa, could you tell me your full legal
12 name?

13 A. Christopher Bachmann Taloa.

14 Q. Could you spell that for us?

15 A. Christopher, C-h-r-i-s-t-o-p-h-e-r, Bachmann,
16 B-a-c-h-m-a-n-n, Taloa, T-a-l-o-a.

17 Q. Okay. What I'm going to do is attach as
18 Exhibit 190 the deposition notice for you to be here
19 today and Exhibit 191 is a copy of the subpoena with
20 the attached proof of service for here today.

21 (Exhibits 190 and 191 marked)

22 MR. WORGUL: Do you need the notice, Victor?

23 MR. OTTEN: I'm okay.

24 BY MR. WORGUL:

25 Q. Mr. Taloa, I'm going to place those exhibits

1 Q. Going onto the next page, page five?

2 A. Yeah.

3 Q. Paragraph ten, the incident with your friends
4 Keola Sakima and Theodore Encarnado?

5 A. Yeah.

6 Q. Was that incident ever reported to the Palos
7 Verdes Estates police?

8 A. Not that I know of.

9 Q. Skipping ahead to page seven, that's the next
10 page. It's a couple pages ahead.

11 A. Okay.

12 Q. So looking at paragraph 16?

13 A. Okay. Go for it.

14 Q. Can you read that first sentence?

15 A. "My friends and I began researching Lunada Bay
16 localism and police involvement. I had heard that some
17 Bay Boys had connections in the police department and
18 that some police officers were racist. On December 30,
19 2000 and --

20 Q. You can stop. Just the first sentence. Thank
21 you.

22 A. Okay.

23 Q. So again, where did you hear the Bay Boys had
24 connections to the police department or that officers
25 were racist? Who did you hear that from?

1 A. Several individuals who tried to surf up
2 there.

3 Q. Do you have names?

4 A. I can give you a Dave Moore, a Greg Gonzales,
5 Chris Peterson, the Guardian, and Dennis Martinez, and
6 a couple of the guys that surf in the Manhattan Beach
7 area, body boarders and surfers. I wish I could give
8 you all the names.

9 Q. Okay.

10 A. It was a random consensus of a lot of
11 individuals saying don't go up there, black flag.

12 Q. Saying don't go up there because of the
13 localism or don't go up there because of the police?

14 A. It was a tie in between the both.

15 Q. And do you have any personal experiences with
16 racism from police officers in Palos Verdes Estates?

17 A. No. I don't. Huh-uh.

18 Q. And then other than what people have told you,
19 are you personally aware of what you call connections
20 between the Lunada Bay Boys and the Palos Verdes
21 Estates Police Department?

22 A. Just when I was told I was going to get raped
23 in the butt.

24 Q. Yes. That's unpleasant.

25 MR. HAVEN: So stipulated.

1 THE WITNESS: I don't doubt it. I'd rather go
2 in the gym have you kick me in the head with your legs
3 and have that than have that happen any day. I'll get
4 up and you knock me out daily for that.

5 MR. SONG: Okay.

6 BY MR. SONG:

7 Q. So moving on to the 2014 MLK Day -- enough
8 laughter.

9 A. Yeah. I know. I'm sorry.

10 Q. So going back to the 2014 MLK Day, I mean can
11 I call it like a protest paddle out? Is that fair?

12 A. Yeah. Safe, peaceful, protest paddle out.

13 Q. So you mentioned a conversation with a Palos
14 Verdes Police Department officer on the water on a
15 boat?

16 A. Yeah. This is what I was told.

17 Q. Oh, you were told that?

18 A. I didn't have it personally. No.

19 Q. And do you know who that conversation was --

20 A. Man, I'll get you that name because it's right
21 on the tip of my tongue. He's a loose weirdo body
22 boarder kid.

23 Q. Okay.

24 A. He started quoting Tupac and all kinds of
25 whacky stuff. He's out of his mind.

1 Q. And that whacky friend talked to the police
2 officer?

3 A. Yeah.

4 Q. Correct me if I'm wrong but you described him
5 as telling him -- they're telling him those were good
6 cops?

7 A. He didn't feel that comfort from the cops.

8 Q. Oh, he didn't?

9 A. He did not feel the comfort from the cop. The
10 cop told him -- from what I was told, the cop told him,
11 oh, he asked the police officer because he paddled his
12 kayak all the way out there from Redondo. He didn't
13 want to drive up there. He was worried about his car.
14 So he took his kayak. Parked the kayak out there.
15 Started piling in inward and he asked the cop on the
16 boat if it was okay to surf and he said, well, we'll
17 see how you get along with the locals and I saw him --
18 I couldn't believe that anybody even showed. I was so
19 happy. So happy they showed up.

20 I felt like a donkey by myself and he was
21 shadowed by a stand up paddler and the guy just kind of
22 like right in front of him and the police boat circled
23 him. Circled, I don't mean like circles but like
24 around him and all the way till he got in more and then
25 he had another group of guys paddle over to him and

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1 A. No. I didn't get physically hurt. That's the
2 most important thing. If I can go home without the
3 stitches, I don't want to go to the cop shop and do all
4 that. These are young cops and I sent them over to my
5 friend's house, my friend's restaurant, and my aunt --
6 she's not my real aunt but a friend of mine to go there
7 and stuff your face. Go there and stuff your face.
8 She really liked them up there.

9 Q. Okay. So the police officers approached you
10 asked if you wanted to press charges?

11 A. Officer Gonzales. I thought you'd like that.

12 Q. Officer Gonzales approached you, asked you
13 based on anything that happened that day if you wanted
14 to move forward with any sort of law enforcement action
15 and you declined?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. That's correct?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Okay. And how did you feel about the police
20 presence during the MLK paddle out?

21 A. Every time I come in and said anything about
22 the cops up there -- I said everything that had
23 happened and they have been nothing but good to me.
24 They have been there for us and I am so thankful and
25 grateful on that aspect in that manner.

1 A. That statement -- my belief -- that's my
2 belief. Yes. It was my belief. I never said that to
3 anybody out there because I thought that was like -- I
4 wasn't sure, you know, but that's my belief.

5 Q. Okay. But you said the cops have been there
6 for you or the police have been there for you and
7 you're thankful for it?

8 A. Oh, yes. Yes. Trust, I feel what you're
9 saying right now. It's like contradictory.

10 Q. A little bit.

11 A. I feel you. But like I said, I don't know
12 who's real and who's not so I'm very cautious about
13 where I'm going and what I'm approaching. I don't want
14 to be down some cliff and get arrested and thrown in a
15 holding cell like that. That was the scariest SOB-ish
16 thing I've ever heard and I was scared sideways on
17 that.

18 Q. But the statement that you said the locals
19 claim to own the police --

20 A. Yeah.

21 Q. -- it's based on this statement, We own the
22 cops from this person; right?

23 A. Him and also from Michael Ray Papayans.
24 Michael Ray Papayans told me straight.

25 MR. CAREY: I'm sorry . Just to interrupt.

1 I don't want to always be the guy calling. It sounds
2 like I'm a just -- between -- like honestly, I don't
3 want to be this whiny little asshole harassing the
4 police to go take care of this. I think it's wrong in
5 a lot of ways and I don't want to be the bad guy in
6 their eyes.

7 Q. So each time you've gone to Lunada Bay, you've
8 either called the police yourself to let them know
9 you're going to be going or ahead of time or you've had
10 someone act on your proxy and call on your behalf?

11 A. One of us. If we all were going out, one of
12 us has to call.

13 Q. Okay.

14 A. We need to make sure we're safe and legal.

15 Q. So have you called the police and told them?

16 A. I think I told them once or twice but we
17 always spread it out so everyone has an opportunity to
18 call in.

19 Q. So when you called and said, hey, I'm going to
20 be going to Lunada Bay, did they provide extra patrols?

21 A. Yes. They have been on it with me.

22 Q. And other times when other people called on
23 your behalf, did the police also provide extra patrols?

24 A. 100 percent. It seems that they had been
25 there every time we called.

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1 because of the older incident with the guy -- that guy
2 getting beat up by the Venice guys on the North Shore.

3 Q. So when he made that comment to you, you
4 thought he thought you were someone else?

5 A. Totally.

6 Q. Thank you. All done.

7 MR. OTTEN: We reserve our right. We want to
8 review it.

9 MR. WORGUL: We're done.

10 MS. REPORTER: Stip?

11 MR. HAVEN: There's no stip. It is Federal.

12 MS. REPORTER: Copies?

13 MR. WORGUL: Of course, the original and one.
14 Need it expedited by Monday morning.

15 MR. SONG: I would also like an expedited copy
16 please.

17 MR. HAVEN: A copy please but not expedited.

18 (Deposition concluded at 7:22 p.m.)
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DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

I, Christopher Taloa, do hereby certify under
penalty of perjury that I have read the foregoing
transcript of my deposition taken on January 5, 2017;
that I have made such corrections as appear noted
herein in ink, initialed by me; that my testimony as
contained herein, as corrected, is true and correct.

Dated this ____ day of _____,
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I, Angela Schubert, CSR No. 12027, Certified
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That the foregoing proceedings were taken
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That the testimony of the witness, the
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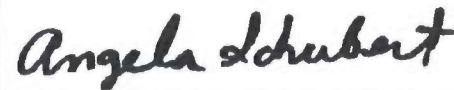
That a review of the transcript by the
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That the foregoing is a true and correct
transcript of my shorthand notes so taken.

I further certify that I am not a relative or
employee of any attorney of the parties, nor
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I declare under penalty of perjury under the
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